

REMARKS

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,996,839 to Wilkinson *et al.* For the reasons discussed below, claim 1, as amended, is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the novel embodiment disclosed, for example, on pgs. 24 – 25 in which the fluid machine includes an expansion device 4 that is a scroll type expansion device for changing its expansion volume, in which a movable scroll 52 is rotated with an orbit motion to a fixed scroll 53.

Wilkinson *et al.* discloses an engine system 10 that generally includes an engine 12, a fan 14 and a power turbine 22. It has been asserted that the power turbine 22 discloses an expansion device. However, the power turbine 22 fails to disclose a scroll type expansion device in which a movable scroll is rotated with an orbit motion to a fixed scroll as recited in amended claim 1.

Therefore, because the Wilkinson *et al.* publication fails to disclose an expansion device that is a scroll type expansion device as recited in amended claim 1, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be withdrawn.

In accordance with the election of November 10, 2005, claims 2 – 12 are canceled without prejudice.

The allowance of claims 13 – 17 is acknowledged.

New claims 18 – 20 are presented for examination. Support for new claim 18 may be found on, for example, pg. 25. Support for new claims 19 – 20 may be found on, for example, pg. 27. New claims 18 – 20 depend from claim 1. Therefore, new claims 18 – 20 should be in condition for allowance for the above-mentioned reason with respect to amended claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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